

AMICK LOG HOUSE

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Maniford Road, Oldtown
ca. 1825

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Amick Log

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Maniford Road, 1.5 miles north of Route 51

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Chester Amick

Telephone #: 777-1653

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4, Box 190

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland 21502**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 431

Folio #: 359

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Amick Log House is located on the Manifold Road, 1.5 miles north of Route 51 in Allegany County.

The Amick House is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular log structure. It is divided in half by a massive stone chimney which provides fireplaces for both sections of the building. The roof of the house is gabled and is covered with tin. The windows are a combination of six over six and six over three lights with plain pegged trim. Main entrances are located on the northern side and feature paneled doors with original hardware. A three bay end porch covers both entrances.

The Amick Log House is in fair condition and retains almost all of its original fabric and appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the land on which the Amick House stands was granted to William Deakins on April 14, 1784,¹ the exact date on which the house was constructed is not known. Architecturally, the house is a good example of what is known as a "saddlebag" log house. The "saddlebag" is a variant of the two-unit log dwelling in which two cabins were built close together so as to utilize a common chimney. This eliminated a need to build two fireplaces and two chimneys. Typically, the Amick House has two front doors and is one room deep and two stories high.

that one reason

It has been suggested, it was necessary to build a saddlebag log house is that the maximum length of single logs was rarely more than 24 to 30 feet; after that the logs began to taper. Thus, by constructing two log buildings side by side the builder obtained the length desired with out having to splice logs together.²

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1 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

2 C. A. Weslager, The Log Cabin in America. (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1969) p. 72 & 74.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 19.27 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

10/14/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Amick Log

Allegany County Deed, Liber 431, Folio 359
grantee: Chester Amick
grantor: Chester Amick
June 16, 1969

Allegany County Deed, Liber 168, Folio 254
grantee: Chester Amick
grantor: Willie M. Hartley, et. ux.
September 2, 1932
Consideration: \$500.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 149, Folio 289
grantee: Willie M. Hartley
grantor: Riley Hartley
November 5, 1924
Consideration: \$500.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 18, Folio 8
grantee: Riley Hartley
grantor: John Hartley
August 12, 1858
Consideration: \$200.00
"Horse Pasture Resurveyed"

Land 175 acres originally granted to William Deakins on April 14, 1784.

INVENTORY NO. A1-II-B-034DATE: 9/23

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431/359
19.274REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, (minor)NAME OF PROPERTY: Amick LogLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Manford Rd. 1.5 Miles N. of Rt. 51DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: northNAME OF OWNER: Chester Amick 777-1653ADDRESS: Rt 4 Box 190Cumberland, M.D. 21502STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: - built in two sections

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(☒) LOG → mortar + spikes + rocks
(☒) Other: Coverings board + batten at gable ends

LOG
118/118/11
106

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

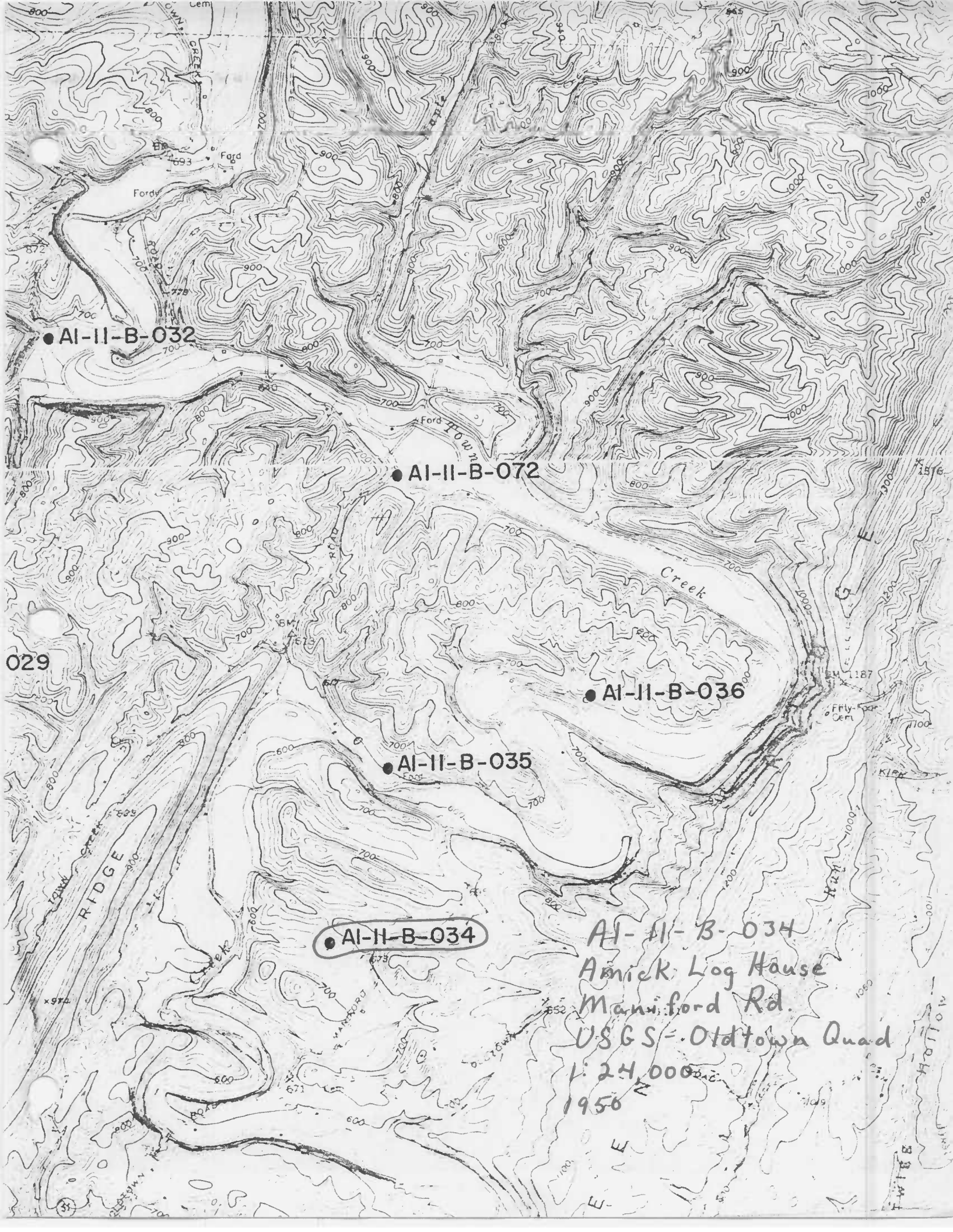
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other(☒) 6/3 2nd floor
pegged(☒) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: north - 2 doorsHARDWARE: original(☒) replaced(☒)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable()CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE(☒) CORBELLED() original() replaced()LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Club HouseSignificance - ArchitectureDate Constructed - 1800? 1820Condition - fairJohn Ratty HartleyTown Clerk
Hartley Club



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AI-II-B-072

AI-II-B-036

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Maniford Rd.
USGS - Oldtown Quad
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South East



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northwest